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SUBJECT: THEME FOR AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH

FROM ENDERS AND HABIB

REF: TOKYO 2665

1. APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN USING AMBASSADOR'S MARCH 17
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORT TO COMPLETE
SUCCESSFULLY THE PRESENT STAGE OF INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS
ON ENERGY. HOWEVER, DURING PERIOD AFTER IEA/GB MEETING
ENDING MARCH 7 AND FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON MARCH 19 WE WILL BE
CONCENTRATING ON PREPARING OUR POSITIONS FOR PRESENTATION
IN PARIS. CONSEQUENTLY WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER THE
TIMING OR THE SITE OF YOUR MARCH 17 TALK IS SUITABLE FOR A
SPEECH WHICH GOES BEYOND EXISTING GUIDANCE.

2. ENTIRELY AVOIDING ENERGY AS YOU SEEM TO SUGGEST IN
PARAGRAPH FOUR OF REFTEL IS PROBABLY NOT NECESSARY OR
DESIRABLE. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN OUR
POSITION ON ENERGY ISSUES TO YOMIURI SOCIETY AUDIENCE,
DRAWING IN PARTICULAR ON ENDERS STATEMENT BEFORE COMMITTEE
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ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS ON FEB. 13, AND ENDERS

STATEMENT BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND POWER ON FEB. 17
WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO YOU AS UNNUMBERED PRESS RELEASE DATED
FEB, 1975. WITHOUT GETTING TOO TECHNICAL YOUR SPEECH
WOULD BE GOOD OCCASION TO EXPLAIN FACTS OF OUR POSITION TO
OPINION LEADERS IN YOUR AUDIENCZ. AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE
BEEN DEEPLY ENGAGED WITH JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES IN
WORKING OUT DETAILS OF FLOOR PRICE CONCEPT AND ALL OTHER
ASPECTS OF ENERGY PROBLEMS. YOU CAN OF COURSE REAFFIRM
THAT WE VALUE HIGHLY THE ANALYSIS AND VIEWS OF THE JAPAN-
ESE AND THAT WE SHARE FULLY THEIR CONCERN THAT REASON AND
ABSENCE OF CONFRONTATION ARE INDISPENSABLE COMPONENTS OF
ANY REAL SOLUTION.

3. WE PREFER TO LEAVE ACTUAL DRAFTING TO YOU, PARTICULAR-
LY SINCE YOU HAVE BEST GRASP OF HOW TO APPROACH THE
YOMIURI GROUP AND THE JAPANESE PUBLIC. KISSINGER

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